



2013 Special Events

Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center Grand Opening

Join us for a special celebration in honor of the grand opening of the new Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center. Park entrance fee waived May 23, 2013.

May 23 10:00 am

Mesa Verde Country Indian Arts and Culture Festival

Visit www.mesaverdecountry.com for details

The 12th annual Indian Arts and Cultural Festival will take place at the Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center, located immediately inside the park, just off Hwy 160. Artisans' work is judged and presented for public viewing and sale.

May 25 to May 26

Traditional Hopi Dances

Flora Lomayestewa has been bringing her Hopi dance group from Shungopavi village on Second Mesa to Mesa Verde for the last 25 years. The Lomayestewa family invites you to view traditional Hopi dances at the Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center.

June 29 and 30 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Wetherill Mesa Bike & Hike

The Wetherill Mesa Bike & Hike will take place on two Saturdays in September. This is a special time of year to visit as the more relaxing fall season replaces the busy days of summer. The tram will not be running, so you are invited to ride your bike or hike along the tram road. Long House and Step House will be open for self-guided tours with rangers available to answer your questions. For this special event, the road to Wetherill Mesa is opened from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Bring your bike or hiking shoes and enjoy the fall at Wetherill Mesa.

September 14 and 28 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Santa Clara Pueblo Pottery Demonstrations

Starr Tafoya from Santa Clara Pueblo has given pottery demonstrations at Mesa Verde for over fifteen years. She is an award winner at the Santa Fe Indian Market. Join her at the Mesa Verde Visitor and Research Center for a demonstration, firing, and sale of black and redware pottery.

September 21 3:00 pm

Luminaria Holiday Open House

Everyone is invited to join park staff in this holiday celebration featuring special tours, luminarias, musical entertainment, and refreshments. Luminarias will glow along the pathways throughout the headquarters area, a National Historic Landmark District, and along the trail to Spruce Tree House. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

December 5 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Four Corners Lecture Series

The Four Corners Lecture Series is an annual program sponsored by Mesa Verde National Park, Mesa Verde Institute, Anasazi Heritage Center, Bureau of Land Management, Cortez Cultural Center, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, KSJD, Office of the President & Dept of Anthropology - Fort Lewis College, ARAMARK, and the Mesa Verde Museum Association. Each year these organizations develop a theme for lectures to be given year-round in various locations in the Four Corners area.

For this year's schedule of presentations, download and print a copy of the [2013 Four Corners Lecture Series](#) poster.